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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In Re:	Patent Application of Clark Rundell <i>et al.</i>	: Group Art Unit: 1637 : : :
Appln. No.:	09/866,283	: Examiner: Teresa E. Strzelecka : :
Filed:	May 25, 2001	: : :
For:	COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS: RELATING TO NUCLEIC ACID REFERENCE STANDARDS	: Attorney Docket : No.: 053650-5001 :

**AMENDMENT**

This Amendment responds to the Office Action dated September 29, 2003, sent in connection with the above-referenced application.

This Amendment is being timely filed in view of the accompanying Petition for a Two Month Extension of Time, and associated fee, which extends the time for a response to the Office Action to and through March 1, 2004, in view of February 29, 2004, being a Sunday.

Kindly amend the application as follows: